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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1092

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Instructional Time.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Dvorak

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a school corporation shall conduct at least: (1) 900 hours of instructional time for students in Grades 1 through 6; and (2) 1,080 hours of instructional time for students in Grades 7 through 12.

The bill modifies the formula for determining the reduction in the August tuition support distribution to a school corporation that fails to conduct the minimum number of student instructional days during a school term. It provides a formula for determining the minimum number of days in a school year.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could reduce the possible recovery of tuition support from schools that do not meet the required instruction time. Current law provides a reduction in tuition support for each day under the 180-day requirement. The bill changes the requirement to be based on a minimum number of days that is calculated in the following steps:

1. Subtract 900 for Grades 1-6 and 1,080 for Grades 7-12 from the total annual number of instructional hours conducted.
2. Divide the remainder in Step 1 by 10 for Grades 1-6 and 12 for Grades 7-12.
3. Subtract the Step 2 quotient from 180 and round down to the nearest whole number.

Schools that do not provide the minimum of days will have their tuition support reduced by the number of days they were below the minimum instructional days times the total tuition support allocated to the school for each day of the particular year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would allow schools to modify the school calendar from the current 180-day minimum school year to a different calendar.

The bill could reduce local school expenditures depending on if a school chooses to reduce the number of instructional days in the school calendar. Schools that currently have to make up lost days due to weather conditions or lose tuition support revenue might not have to as long as they had 900 hours of instruction for Grades 1-6 and 1080 hours of instruction for Grades 7-12.

Schools spent about \$36.5 M per day from the school general fund and \$3.1 M per day to transport students to school during the 2008 school year. Schools might also have reduced utility and school lunch expenditures if the number of days are reduced.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources: Department of Local Government Databases.

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